



Date: July 19, 2006
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF July 13, 2006
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Bradley Whyte, Chair
Holly Carpenter, Vice Chair
Randy Crawford
Harry Hutton
Darlene Ann Gidley
Scott Schaidle
Richard Turrentine

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager
Beverly Glavas, Special Projects Officer
Vivian Crook, Secretary

City Staff

Jack Belden, Supv. Marine Maint.
Tom Keleher, LBPD Sergeant
Mark Boone, Chief, Marine Safety, LBFD
Julie Maleki, Analyst, City Council, 3rd Dist.
Chris Pook, Ex. Dir. of Sea Festival Asso.
Drew Satariano, President of Sea Festival Assoc./
VP, Parks & Rec. Commission
Chris Kozaites, Member of Board of Governors of
Sea Festival Assoc./Former Parks &
Rec. Commissioner

Commissioners Absent

Mike Reed
Peter Hogenson

Guests

Mike Malbon, Former MAC Commissioner
Bud Johnson, DBW Commissioner
Ross Wallach, SCSBC
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA
Joe Segura, Press Telegram
Amy Bentley-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Chris Campbell, resident

Chairman Whyte convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel and City staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The May 11, 2006, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Sea Festival:

Drew Satariano, a long-time Long Beach resident, gave a brief background on the Board of Governors of the Long Beach Sea Festival Association and said that they look at themselves as a group of Long Beach residents/homeowners/stakeholders who have rolled up their sleeves and jumped on a joint project to try to market the City of Long Beach in a tasteful way to prove that Long Beach is a great destination place, through the Sea Festival.

Chris Pook distributed copies of a slide presentation showing many of the events of the Long Beach Sea Festival. He said that the objective of the Sea Festival is to make citizens of the community aware of what Long Beach has as an asset in its beach and ocean. He said that one of the things they are trying to do is to get the entire City to come and participate in the beach, and they feel that a good way to do that is to provide events in very different categories and calibers.

He gave an overview of Sea Festival events that have been held and events that are up coming.

Chris Pook stated that Ross Wallach's Circle Boat Races are to be held in Marine Stadium in August, and asked for the MAC's support of the noise variance of 120 dbs at 100 feet. He said that this event is an important part of the whole make-up of Sea Festival events and what they are trying to achieve for the community.

Commissioner Crawford said that he attended the event last year. He said he walked up and down and drove his vehicle on both sides of Marine Stadium. He said he could hear the speakers, but that the noise was contained. He said he did not see a problem with the speakers being used at the event.

Mark Sandoval clarified that last year the City brought an item before the MAC, seeking support for the use of a PA system for five Sea Festival events. He said that there was a lot of misinformation being put out to the community. The MAC supported the use of the PA system for the five events. Ultimately only three events used the system. The Circle Boat Races was one of the events that used the PA system. He said that he talked to a lot of people on the shore who said there was not much impact. He said that this year, two of the events (the Dragon Boat Races and the Circle Boat Races) have requested to use the PA system. Extensive testing was done last year and will be done this year. The PA system will be carefully controlled and monitored by a professional and by Marine Bureau staff.

Chris Campbell asked if the MAC had seen the entire permit, as this permit will impact the residents of the City. He felt it was important that they see the permit before making a decision.

Chairman Whyte explained that the MAC was being asked to review the noise variance for the Circle Boat Races, and not the entire Sea Festival permit.

Mark Sandoval remarked that there are hundreds of permits written by the Office of Special Events. He said that the holding of special events in this City will never be unanimously approved or accepted by every resident that may be impacted, and that if that were the case, the Grand Prix, Marathon, and Sea Festival events would not be held. He said that the Office of Special Events, under the directive of the City Manager, is very cognitive of attempting to minimize the impact to the surrounding neighborhoods without pulling the event when there is some level of opposition.

Commissioner Carpenter stated that in her six years on the Commission, anytime anything has come before them, they have been incredibly educated by Mark Sandoval and his staff, have been encouraged to go out and seek information on their own, read articles, and talk to people. She said she has never placed a vote for an item that she was not educated on.

It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter that the MAC support the Circle Boat Race noise variance (120 dbs at 100 feet). The motion passed unanimously.

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Monthly Fund Budget Report for ABM/LBSM/RBH, the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina, and the Slip Status Report for the month of June.

Mark stated that the attrition program is costing more revenue than anticipated, and a revenue shortfall of roughly \$900,000 will be seen in slip fees this year. The Estimates to Close show that the Pro Forma still looks good, some money has been saved in the operating end of it, and the 2006 Tidelands Fund will definitely close on the plus side.

The City Council has made an official request to the Port to get ten percent of its net revenue from last year. This will be discussed at a Finance Committee meeting for the Port next week, and then be agendaized for the Harbor Commission meeting the following week.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jack Belden gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of June.

- Commissioner Crawford asked about repair of the potholes in the parking lot next to the Bazaar Building up to Joe's Crab Shack. He said the west side of the lot was repaired beautifully, but things have now gotten pretty bad on the other side.

Jack Belden said that he would look into it.

- Mark Sandoval said that he personally walked the palm tree area (next to Gangway 18) and saw that it is messy.

Commissioner Crawford said that the birds have coated the area, and he feels that it may be a health hazard.

Mark Sandoval said that he would work with Jack Belden to do what is necessary to clean the area.

- Commissioner Hutton asked if the Maintenance Report could show "marina" repairs separate from "marine" repairs.

Mark Sandoval said that they would look into this request.

Marine Safety Report

Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of June. He said that it has been a very busy season.

- 214 swimming rescues were made on the 4th of July.
- Marine Safety has been dealing with the problem of boats speeding in the upper bay.
- Lifeguards have a training policy and program in place for driving on the beach. Lifeguards attend a beach driving training class every July. Not all Lifeguards are authorized to drive on the beach.

Marine Patrol Report

LBPD Sergeant Keleher reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of June.

- The Good Samaritan Initiative, run by the Department of Health and Human Services/Homeless Services Division, is offering vouchers to the homeless for a one-night stay at the Seaport Marina Hotel. Marine Patrol will be monitoring this situation for any impact on the marina.

- Marine Patrol started early this year with a zero tolerance for fireworks, barbeques, drinking, etc. on the 4th of July. 20 cites were issued for fireworks, 6 cites were issued for littering, Marine Patrol made 4 misdemeanor arrests, and 5 cites were issued for moving violations. 257 parking citations were issued, many to boatowners.
- Boatowners were very happy about the use of security guards at the rest rooms in the LBSM over the 4th of July.
- Some boatowners offered water to the Marine Patrol officers, and expressed their happiness at how things were being handled.
- Commissioner Crawford said that exiting the downtown marina area was difficult on July 4th. Sergeant Keleher agreed. Mark Sandoval said that the Convention Center made a mistake with their parking program, and that this issue is being addressed. He also said that Shoreline Marina staff drove around in their cart, looking for open parking spots for boatowner guests to park in.

Executive MAC

- All items covered.

Operations Committee

- All items covered.

Facilities Committee

- Commissioner Hutton handed a written report, which showed the highlights of the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chairman Whyte spoke to the new commissioners about the MAC sub-committees. He asked Commissioners Gidley and Turrentine to sit on the Operations Committee, and Commissioner Schaidle to sit on the Facilities Committee.
- Chairman Whyte asked the new commissioners to share a little about themselves.

Commissioner Gidley said that she has been a Long Beach resident for the past ten years and a boatowner for the last 26 years. She has a background in public administration, and retired as Director of Emergency Medical Services for Orange County last August.

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Commissioner Schaidle has lived in Long Beach since 1983, attended Long Beach State College, and lives on the Peninsula.

Commissioner Turrentine shared that he was born in Long Beach, is a former school district CFO, and a former elementary school principal. He is now retired.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. The next meeting is set for August 10, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk